Henry C. Kellers Photograph Collection, 1929-1930

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Collection Overview

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Title: Henry C. Kellers Photograph Collection
Identifier: Record Unit 7241
Date: 1929-1930
Extent: 0.55 cu. ft. (1 half document box) (2 3x5 boxes)
Creator: Kellers, Henry C., 1874-1954
Language: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Henry C. Kellers (1874-1954) was born in Charleston, South Carolina. A graduate of the South Carolina Medical School, Kellers joined the United States Navy as a Hospital Steward in 1903. During the First World War he served as Assistant Surgeon with the Navy. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1920 and to Lieutenant Commander in 1931. In 1938, he was placed on the Retired List of Officers of the Navy. He was recalled to active duty in 1939, serving until 1945 when he again retired. Kellers died in Oakland, California.

During his career in the Navy, Kellers participated in several scientific expeditions. He was a member of the United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expeditions of 1925, 1927, 1929, and 1930 to Sumatra, Nicaragua, the Philippine Islands, and Nivafoou Island, respectively. On these expeditions, Kellers served as a representative of the Smithsonian Institution for the purpose of making biological collections. While in Nicaragua in 1927, he collected over 130 animals and birds for the National Zoological Park; and he secured over 10,000 zoological specimens from the Philippine Islands in 1929.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of lantern slides, a photograph album, and loose photographs taken by Henry C. Kellers on the United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expeditions to the Philippine Islands, 1929, and Nivafoou Island, 1930.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Natural history
- Scientific expeditions

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Lantern slides

Names:
- Kellers, Henry C., 1874-1954
- Medical College of South Carolina (1952-1969)
- National Zoological Park (U.S.)
- Smithsonian Institution
- United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expedition to Nicaragua (1927)
- United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expedition to Nivafoou Island (1930)
- United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expedition to Sumatra (1925)
- United States Naval Observatory Eclipse Expedition to the Philippine Islands (1929)
- United States. Navy